

Amendments to the Claims:

Amendments made to the claims herein are made relative to, and shall replace the claims listed in Applicant's response dated April 27, 2006 which was a response to the Office Action made Final dated March 16, 2006.

The claims in this listing will replace all prior listings of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) A method of gravel packing a hole in a subterranean formation including the step of pumping into the hole a gravel pack composition comprising gravel and a carrier fluid comprising a brine-in-oil emulsion, wherein the emulsion ~~being~~ is stabilized by an brine-in-oil emulsion forming emulsifier based on at least one sorbitan fatty acid ester presenting a shoulder peak before the peak depicted to be the monomer peak when analyzed by gel permeation chromatography.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sorbitan fatty acid ester includes sorbitan monooleate and sorbitan trioleate.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the peak height of the shoulder peak before the peak depicted to be the monomer peak to the peak height of the peak depicted to be the monomer peak is greater than 0.5.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the brine phase is about 50-80% by volume of the carrier fluid.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the aqueous phase of the carrier fluid further comprises a chelating agent.
6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of di-cationic salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), cyclohexylene dinitrilo tetraacetic acid (CDTA), [Ethylenebis(oxyethylenenitrilo)]tetraacetic acid (EGTA) and [(Carboxymethyl)imino]-bis(ethylenenitrilo)]-tetra-acetic acid,

hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid (HEDTA) and
Hydroxyethyliminodiacetic acid (HEIDA).

7. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the brine-in-oil emulsion comprises an aqueous phase, the aqueous phase being solids-free.
8. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the brine-in-oil emulsion comprises an aqueous phase, the aqueous phase comprising a pH-modifier and a dissolver.